

**PRINCIPLES
FOR
BUSINESS PRACTICES TECHNICAL FORUMS**

Forum Overview

1. Between November 2002 and September 2003, the TBL will host a minimum of three Business Practices Technical Forums (Forum) to discuss TBL Business Practices and systems used to implement its Open Access Transmission Tariff and Transmission and Ancillary Service Rate Schedules.
2. Forums are held to promote meaningful discussion among appropriate technical parties as a means to inform and educate.
3. The TBL will coordinate and manage the Forums.
4. The TBL retains the discretion to determine whether or not to make any changes to its Business Practices or systems as a result of the Forums.

Forum Participation

5. Customers and the TBL shall use best efforts to ensure appropriate staff attends the Forums, and shall come to the Forums prepared to educate other participants of their specific issues and concerns.
6. Forum participants will present specific examples and proposed solutions to advance constructive discussion of specific issues.
7. Forum notices and information shall be posted in advance of scheduled meetings.
8. Suggestions of Forum topics, structure, and procedures will be solicited from the customers.
9. Feedback from the Forums will be considered by the TBL in developing or revising its Business Practices or systems, but the TBL shall be under no obligation to develop new Business Practices or systems or make any changes to existing Business Practices or systems.

TBL Decision Criteria

10. Business Practices shall be consistent with the TBL's Open Access Transmission Tariff and Rate Schedules.
11. Business Practices shall be consistent with industry-standard reliability criteria.